

FRENCH WALK MILES TO SEE YANKEE GAMES

Lads in Paris Pick Up the American National Game Remarkably Fast.

GAME MAKES GOOD GRENADE THROWERS

THE kids of France are picking up baseball fast. Any day one can see them out in the field when the soldiers are knocking up flies in the Tuileries Garden. They are regular and absorbed students at the Paris baseball league games and walk miles when they can't get cars, to see the games in the grounds of Colombes or the Bois de Boulogne.

Ferry Tiffany is at the head of the movement to introduce baseball into France as a boxing and association football were introduced. At a meeting of the Paris baseball league 25 clubs decided to cooperate with the Y. M. C. A. in sending balls and bats and gloves to the Paris schools.

The French press is encouraging the movement. The splendid physical condition of the American troops is constantly remarked upon in the French press and it is pointed out that the Americans easily become hardened soldiers because they are trained from childhood.

On the other hand, the French press complains the French child is coddled and "rotten" because of his mother, with the result that it requires sometimes a year to harden him to a soldier's life.

It is believed that the French government, which is doing everything in its power to make the Franco-American alliance a permanent affair, also is behind the press campaign to organize a baseball league of French cities which in future years may send its permanent winning teams to America.

French officers, too, have not been slow to recognize that baseball has

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By Jack Callahan

NEW PLAYERS MAY APPEAR IN BLISS LINEUP

Two "Dark Horses" Billed to Appear in the Lineup Against 24th Infantry.

COLUMBUS SENDING GOOD AGGREGATION

IT is hinted by Mike Orillon, boxing instructor of Port Bliss, who is also boxing through their daily grind, that two new players whose names have not yet been made public will probably appear on the diamonds for Bliss Saturday afternoon when the game is called with the fast 24th Infantry team. Orillon has had his eye on these two for some time and it is reported that they have shown up as well in recent games as to merit a chance in the game for the title of the Mexican border.

In the meantime report comes from Columbus that the team which will arrive here tonight for tomorrow's game will be the strongest one yet. The lineup as announced follows: Catcher, Mike Orillon; pitcher, Mike Orillon; first base, Mike Orillon; second base, Mike Orillon; third base, Mike Orillon; shortstop, Mike Orillon; left field, Mike Orillon; center field, Mike Orillon; right field, Mike Orillon.

In the first series of games played between the two teams, each took a game at Columbus. In the second game, the 24th Infantry won the first game at Columbus. The first game will be called at 2:30 Saturday afternoon on the fifth cavity diamond of San Francisco. The game will be played, if need be, to decide the championship series.

Oh, Man!



By Briggs

SPORTOGRAPHY By "Gravy"

BEING with a champion team is no new experience for Max Flack. He was a member of the Chicago Red Sox, which won the pennant in 1913.

Bill Killefer, who is one of the Cubs' stars during the present world's series, took a good rest during the last few days of the season at his home in Pawpaw, Mich. Killefer worked hard all season and was in a large measure responsible for the success of his club. Recalling that the great catcher, who is not in the best of health, was badly in need of a rest, Fred Mitchell told him to go fishing for a while and Bill did not need a second invitation.

Players of the Hamilton club in the International league, led by Pat Donovan, threatened mutiny recently when they were given back salaries. The team recently was shifted to the Ontario city from Syracuse. President McLaughlin, of the Toronto club, at once announced that the Hamilton players would be paid in full just as soon as the other International league club owners handed over their share of the deficit. The league eventually carried Hamilton until the close of the season on labor day. The International was the only minor league in the country to remain in the field this year.

JACK SKELLEY.
Boxing fans whose memories go as far back as the colored-scarf fight will remember Jack Skelley, once one of the greatest and cleverest of the featherweights. Skelley's biggest battle was with George Dixon, and was pulled off 26 years ago today as a feature of the memorable fight at the Casino in New Orleans. It was in this carnival that John L. lost his title to Jim Corbett, and in which Jack McLaughlin defeated Billy Myers. In a pugilistic history, Skelley ranks with Tyson, McGovern, Atwell and the rest as one of the greatest of the little fellows.

Skelley was born in Brooklyn in 1876. He started his long career with Jack Dempsey and Jack McLaughlin in Palmer's Coney Island. Skelley was the famous "three fighting Jacks" were employed at the same time, and fought almost daily with each other. Skelley's active pugilistic career ended in 1906, when he retired.

Hundreds Of El Paso Baseball Fans See The World's Series At Herald Diamonds, Pioneer Plaza

WHILE Cub and Red Sox players are struggling for the world's title at Chicago, El Paso fans are getting the results hot from the wire at The Herald headquarters, Pioneer plaza, quickly as Chicagoans themselves are getting the details of battle down town.

The plays in detail are announced from the balcony of The Herald building by Joe "Big Voice" Mesley, while Fred Schneider and Carl Powell tabulate the results on the big board. The attitude of fans on Pioneer plaza is quite similar to fans at Chicago. When Babe Ruth comes to bat he is cheered as lustily as if there in person and the outbreak that follows a hit is the real thing. Likewise when Babe fails to reach first or dies on base Cub rooters break loose in gleeful yells. Two strikes flush the fans while three balls and two strikes hold them breathless as diamond-side watchers. During the opening game Thursday afternoon when a batter on whom a fan probably had placed a bet fanned out, there was a yell of "Rotten!" That ball missed the plate a foot! which furnished the last detail in making a realistic game on the play.

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Swiss Laboratory, Atlanta, Ga., Adv.

ATTENDANCE SMALL AT WORLD'S SERIES; CROWD LACKING IN 'PEP'

Gathering That Saw the Cubs Defeated by Red Sox in Pitchers' Battle, One of the Smallest Ever Known at World's Series; Fans Shiver on the Bleachers and Fail to Get Excited; War Features Strong.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 6.—The crowd which greeted Cub and Red Sox players at the opening game of the world's series yesterday was not only the smallest for years, but was lacking in genuine baseball spirit of former years as well.

It was 22 years ago today that Batting Nelson knocked out Wallace's Kid in the first round at Hegewich, Ill. Bat lived up to his name from the time he was six years old, and the little one room school house he attended at Hegewich was the scene of the first championship. Nelson killed all the kids of his size in his neighborhood, and some much larger, but his first real contest was with Wallace's Kid, a young boxer who traveled with a circus and who was thought to be a wonder with the gloves. Bat got him to sleep easily.

After that he began to box frequently, the bouts being pulled off in the back room of a saloon, but few of those contests have found a place in the record books. Nelson was only 14 when he defeated Wallace's Kid, and at 15 he was scrapping pretty regularly, often beating his way on freight trains to towns in Illinois and Wisconsin, where a bout with a little one attached was offered.

Today's crowd was the smallest since the war. The effect of the war was everywhere, especially in the temper of the crowd which was largely made up of men in uniform. The first game without a protest. There was but little cheering during the contest, nor was there anything like the usual empire battle.

"Hank" O'Day, of the National league, who officiated behind the plate, was caught mauling a bag of peanuts after the game. "We were not wanted once during the game by players or spectators," he said.

Yesterday's attendance was precisely 12,744. The grounds were crowded, but the sun showed fitfully and there was a stiff, chilly breeze from the north. No seats were occupied in the upper tier of the second floor of the grandstand, and the right section of the stand was practically empty.

Pinty of Room.
In the left section there were many vacant chairs. A number of boxes also were without occupants, and in the bleachers the three lower rows all around the field were vacant.

War taxes, the high cost of living, curtailed railroad service at advanced prices, the weather, the curtailed season, and over all, the shadow of the war were said to account for the difference of the public. The day in the wool fans were there but not the general public.

Aeroplane Over Diamonds.
The left field bleacher space usually given over to the virtues of a certain chewing gum admonished the crowd to "keep the glow in Old Glory" and the right field space commanded "buy war saving stamps and do it now." At intervals six airplanes from the Coast Guard were seen in the sky. The first game of the series was played in the Red Sox uniform by Grace of a 14 days' furlough from the Great Lakes naval training station. He stood at the right salute of the Jackie's while the hymn was played. One thrill was granted the crowd aside from the game and that was the moment when the players played the national anthem. They had unlimited seats which they attempted to sell at double and even triple normal prices. Even the

BOOMING BASEBALL IN EVERY BRANCH OF THE ARMY AND NAVY

Soldierly Bearing, Fighting Ability, Pluck and Game-ness Displayed by American Soldiers in France Is Largely Result of Baseball; Predicted Period After the War Will Be Best in History of Baseball.

Even if professional baseball is in the doldrums, there is evidently no intention nor desire on the part of the highest officials of the war and navy departments to interrupt the sport in either branch of the service. Nor has the ranking officers of either service any such intention or desire.

On the contrary, both at home and abroad, there is an obvious desire to promote the playing of the national games among soldiers and sailors and in all other branches of the service in which the fighting men are so heroically "doing their bit."

Baseball has done its full share with other athletic games and sports in fitting our men for war service. Its results are soldierly bearing, fighting ability, pluck and game-ness displayed by our soldiers in France. Their quick thinking and power of initiative is largely due to their baseball training as boys and young men.

The desire to preserve baseball as the national game is almost universal among our soldiers and sailors. They love it as their own, and it is that love, that devotion to it that will enable them to save it and perpetuate it.

Boomed After War.
Baseball history shows that after the civil war it had its greatest boom. During that struggle the game languished as it is languishing now. After Armistice, and when "Johnny came marching home," there was an immediate revival of the sport. From 1918 for a decade baseball had its very best early years.

It will be the same after this world war is over, and it will be the soldier and sailor who will cause baseball history to repeat itself.

After War Ideals.
Can we not imagine who will be the popular baseball idols of the near future? Will the boys of college who will do the army khaki and the navy blue after the war and don the baseball uniform? There will be many players among the returning heroes who will be in big league clubs and in big league clothes. Would not Hank Gowdy be a most popular star? Would not "Rabbit" Marvins and all those others on the baseball roll of honor be acclaimed by the fans? What other players of the past would be more popular?

Think it over. Those of the professional baseball players who have joined the colors and are now still in this country are being given plenty of opportunity to play the game. They are steadily at

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Cubs And Red Sox In World's Series Battle Fail To Show Class Of Former Champ Teams

By JACK VEECH.

THE Cubs and Red Sox are by no means the best looking teams that have entered a world's series.

Take a slant at the lineups of the major league champs who are in the field for the 1913 world's series and you will find nothing in the way of infield or outfield combinations that can possibly equal memories of some of the great teams of the past.

Insofar as the pitching staffs are concerned, the 1913 champions stack up pretty well, and outclass throughout the major leagues over administration. Deal and Coffey to remind one of that great combination of the old Mackmen—Rucker, Barry, Holling and McInnis—or that wonderful old-time Cub formation which boasted of Steinfield, Tinker, Evers and Chance.

Infield Outclassed.
McInnis and Scott, of the Red Sox, class well enough, but Coffey and Ryan are outclassed. In the case of the Cubs, with three veterans and one youngster, the same is true. Merkle has performed a comeback since his demotion from the majors. Deal and Coffey have been playing a steady brand of baseball, and Charley Hollocher, the star young shortstop, is a major league ball of unusual promise. Yet Merkle, Zelder, Hollacher and Deal do not compare with the oldtime combination.

Outfield Strung.
The outfielders stack up somewhat better. Boston's two gardeners of known ability in Harry Hooper and Keno Brown are outclassed. Deal and Coffey to remind one of that great combination of the old Mackmen—Rucker, Barry, Holling and McInnis—or that wonderful old-time Cub formation which boasted of Steinfield, Tinker, Evers and Chance.

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